

W^m H^t of the United States
Philadelphia, March 19th 1838

Dear Sir,
I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th inst., respecting counterfeiting coins.

The letter from Miss McDonald & Hale, which was sent with the Counterfeit Note Dollar, does not mention from whom they obtained it, but states simply "We take their liberty of enclosing you a specimen of the note of some radical or sedical which has fallen into our hands, &c." The letter goes on to make remarks on the imitation, which contains no information that could aid you in your investigation. We ought to prefer to mention that Mrs. McDonald & Hale are silversmiths and refiners, and have been known and used for the ~~last~~^{10 years}. We wish that they will freely communicate to you any information that they may possess.

My letter to the Secretary of the Treasury, of which you have a copy, contains all the information that we could obtain from an examination of the Counterfeit itself.

Warrant, however, a mistake of a few grains which I pray you to correct, - the specific gravity of the metal being stated at $7\frac{1}{2}$ instead of $8\frac{1}{2}$.

The counterfeit Spanish dollar.

We have received lately, from one of the Banks at Baltimore, ^{four} other Specimens of Counterfeit American Half Dollars, but they are not from the same dies, nor of the same metal, as that sent from Brooklyn. They are found to contain 26, 27.8, 21.9, and 13.8 per cent of silver, while the Brooklyn specimen contains no silver, or but a mere trace.

The counterfeit Spanish, Half Dollar which you sent for our examination is well executed as to the impression, but the metal is easily distinguished from silver. The specific gravity is $7\frac{1}{2}$ instead of $10\frac{1}{2}$. The fineness is nearly 5 dwt too light. And adding those that it is principally composed of tin) with a trace of copper, but without any silver?

Very respectfully
Your affec't Servt

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